



Winners at the Southwestern States Regional Wrestling Championship from Wasatch Wrestling Club were: (l to r, back row) Paul Sweat, Jason Norlen, Todd Lemley; (front row) Shawn Kelly, Phillip Trimble, Eric Nicol and Jeff Wade.

Wrestling Club Members Return From Las Vegas

Over this past weekend, members of the Wasatch Wrestling Club traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada where they participated in the Southwestern States Regional Wrestling Championships. Most of the states west of the Mississippi River were represented in the tournament. There were over 520 wrestlers. Friday, the wrestlers competed in Greco-Roman wrestling. This is a style in which you cannot use your legs for anything but to stand on. You can't trip, or use takedowns in which you attack the legs. On the mat, you can't tie up their legs or

use your legs to turn your opponent. It is very interesting. Although it was their first experience, the Wasatch wrestlers did very well. Most of the kids won some matches. When the finals were completed at 2 a.m. Saturday morning, 4 wrestlers had placed in the top 4 in the competition.

Todd Lemley 2nd, Jason Norlen 3rd, Jason Averett 2nd and Lynn Thornton 3rd.

Saturday, the freestyle competition began. There were over 300 participants. Some individual weights had as many as 45 wrestlers in them. The Wasatch

wrestlers, who are more experienced at freestyle, did an outstanding job. Seven of the 13 who went, finished in the top ten in their divisions.

Paul Sweat, managing to redeem his effort in Greco, went through the tournament impressively. He won the freestyle competition by winning nine straight matches. Of Paul's nine matches, he pinned 8, all in a combined time of six minutes. This gave him the award for the most falls in the least amount of time.

Others who placed in the top four were: Todd Lemley 3rd,

Jason Norlen 4th, and Jason Averett 4th.

The wrestlers had a very good time and felt it was well worth the time and energy spent in going. The next tournament the wrestlers are considering is the Junior Nationals in Iowa, later this summer. It is the "Grand-daddy" of tournaments. There are over 2000 wrestlers representing all 50 states. The average weights have over 100 wrestlers. The tournament lasts a full week. With some assistance in funding from the community, the wrestlers could and would like to participate in it.

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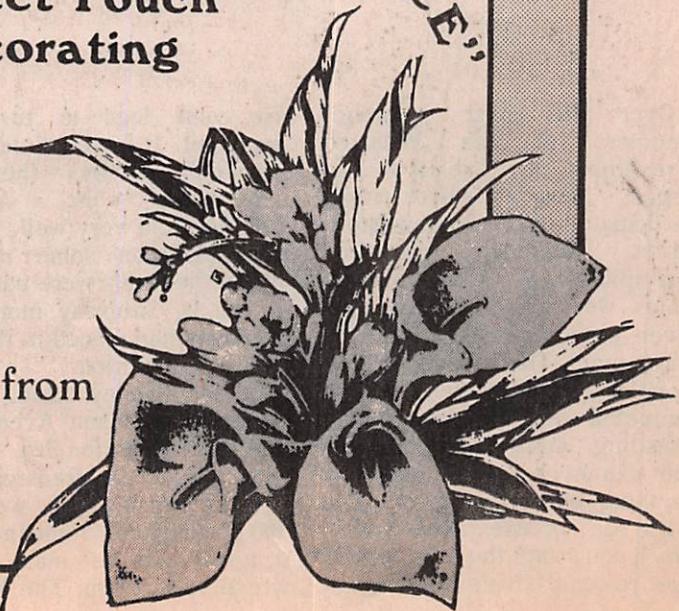
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